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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/779,993	Applicant(s) LEWIS ET AL.	
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 and 22-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 and 22-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on January 23, 2006 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-7 and 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cruise et al. (6,371,975) in view of Johnston et al. (4,692,361). Cruise '975 discloses that it is desirable to store albumin (at least about 20% albumin) in a flexible bag (146), see Figure 7B embodiment. Cruise '975 does not disclose the specifics of the bag. Johnson '361 discloses a container for holding products to be maintained and removed under sterile conditions, comprising: a flexible polymeric film formed into a bag having a cavity enclosed by a first wall, an opposing second wall, seals about a periphery of the first and second walls, the seals joining an interior portion of the opposing first and second walls and creating a fluid-tight chamber within the cavity of

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the container and a fitment (see column 6, lines 57-61). See Figures 1 and 2 embodiments and column 1, lines 11-21. Johnson '361 discloses that the flexible containers are utilized in medical industry for containing, inter alia, parenteral solutions, dialysis solutions, frozen drugs and plasma. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the plastic container of Cruise '975 as a bag formed from flexible polymeric film with a fitment as taught by Johnson '361 for easier storing and handling of the containers.

With respect to claims 11 and 12, see Figure 1 embodiment and column 3, lines 37-49.

The limitation under Official Notice is now taken as admitted prior art, therefore, with respect to claim 2, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made in view of the admitted prior art to mix albumin with sterilized water and stabilizers.

4. Claims 8, 13 and 22-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the above references as applied to claims 1 and 3 above, and further in view of Bacehowski et al. (4,910,147). Cruise '975 as modified above discloses all the limitations of the claims except for the flexible bag further comprising an aperture adjacent an edge opposing the fitment. Bacehowski '147 discloses a flexible bag with an aperture adjacent an edge opposing the fitment to facilitate hanging of the flexible bag. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide an aperture adjacent an edge opposing the fitment of

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the flexible bag of Johnston '361 as taught by Bacehowski '147 to facilitate hanging of the flexible bag.

5. Claims 9-10 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the above references as applied to claims 1, 3 and 5 above, and further in view of Bell et al. (4,936,456). Cruise '975 as modified above discloses all the limitations of the claims except for it are silent about the type of seal being used. Bell '456 discloses that chevron seals can be used instead of linear seals for closing the edges of a flexible bag. As a result of the chevron seal construction, relatively log tabs are formed to facilitate opening through stripping of the gussets from the bag. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide chevron seals in the flexible bag of Johnston '361 as taught by Bell '456 to facilitate opening through stripping of the gussets from the bag.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-13 and 22-27 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

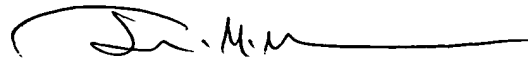
Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jila M. Mohandesi whose telephone number is (571) 272-4558. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30-4:00 (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mickey Yu can be reached on (571) 272-4562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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